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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OCTOBER 4, 2010 OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sirs:

This Amendment and Reply (hereinafter referred to as "Reply") is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 4, 2010 in connection with the above-identified application. A response was originally due on January 4, 2011. A Request for Extension of Time (Three Months) accompanies this paper and is attached herein as Exhibit 1. Upon granting of the extension request, the new deadline for responding to the October 4, 2010 Office Action is April 4, 2011. Accordingly, this Reply is timely filed.

A Request for Continued Examination also accompanies this paper and is attached herewith as Exhibit 2.